Claims

1.   (Previously Presented) In a computer network, a computer-implemented method comprising:

providing a profile schema, the profile schema having profile-related fields arranged into a content document with defined structures for the field;

receiving a data access request directed to profile information, the request including associated identity information; and

in response to the data access request, manipulating at least one set of data in a logical profile document that includes data therein according to the associated identity information, each set of data in the logical profile document structured to correspond to a field in the content document of profile information.

2.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein manipulating at least one set of data comprises reading data from at least one field in the logical profile document.

3.   (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein manipulating at least one set of data comprises writing data to at least one field in the logical profile document.

4.　(Previously Presented) In a computer network, a computer-implemented method comprising:

receiving a request to retrieve profile data, the request including associated identity information;

reading from a data store to obtain profile data based on the associated identity information;

constructing a profile document including at least part of the data, the document arranged according to a defined schema for profile data; and

returning the document in response to the request.

5.　(Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field for extending the schema.

6.　(Previously Presented)　The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a name.

7.　(Previously Presented)　The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to member information.

8.   (Previously Presented) the method of claim 4 wherein the schema

includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a language

preference.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema

includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a time zone

preference.

10.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema

includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a special date.

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema

includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a user reference.

12.   (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema

includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a picture.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema

includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to gender.

14. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to an identification number.

15. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to work information.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to an address of a location.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to an email address.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 wherein the schema includes at least one defined field comprising data corresponding to a telephone number.

19. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions for:

receiving a request to retrieve profile data, the request including associated identity information;

reading from a data store to obtain profile data based on the associated identity information;

constructing [[an]] a profile document including at least part of the data, the document arranged according to a defined schema for profile data; and

returning the profile document in response to the request.

20. (Previously Presented) The computer-readable medium of claim 19 wherein the schema comprises at least one defined field for extending the schema.